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Applicant: Peterson et al.
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Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application.

(1) Amendment in response to Office Action dated February 8, 2006.

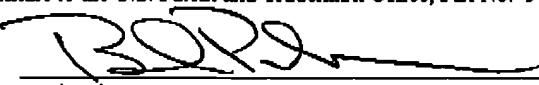
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PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: Mendoza, M.G.

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For: DYNAMIC BIOABSORBABLE FASTENER FOR USE IN WOUND CLOSURE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 8, 2006, Applicant submits the attached amendment and remarks for consideration by the Examiner.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Specification
- B. Amendments to the Claims
- C. Remarks

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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